

**Racine County Ch 980 Committee**  
Ives Grove Office Complex  
14200 Washington Ave  
Public Works and Development Services Auditorium  
Sturtevant, WI 53177  
February 27, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.

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**Meeting attended by:** Principal Assistant Corporation Counsel John P. Serketich, Assistant Corporation Counsel Erika Frank Motsch, Legal Coordinator for the Office of the Corporation Counsel Bethany Heitman (nee Tangerstrom), Aging and Disability Services Operations Manager Jelena Jones, Racine County Real Property Lister-GIS Manager Kim Christman, Angela Serwa from Wisconsin Department of Health Services (“DHS”), Nancy Ahler from the Wisconsin Department of Corrections, and Public Works and Development Services Director Julie Anderson.

**1. Convene meeting**

The meeting of the Ch. 980 Committee was called to order at 09:01 a.m. by Principal Assistant Corporation Counsel John P. Serketich.

**2. Public Comments**

No members of the public present, therefore no comments.

**3. Approve Agenda & Minutes**

Agenda for February 27, 2023, meeting and Minutes from January 23, 2023, meeting reviewed.

**Motion:** Kim Christman moved to approve both the agenda and amended minutes. Seconded by Julie Anderson.

**Action:** All Ayes, No Nays. Unanimous. **Motion passed.**

**4. Legal updates (Office of Corporation Counsel)**

9:03 a.m.

**Dennis Yarber**

**Racine County Circuit Court Case No: 2014-CI-02**

On January 9, 2023, Committee report identifying an appropriate Adult Family Home (AFH) for Mr. Yarber was provided to DHS with copies provided to parties and filed with the court in Mr. Yarber’s commitment case. Committee’s identified placement was approved by the court on February 10, 2023, and DHS confirmed that Mr. Yarber will be placed at the AFH within the appropriate statutory time periods.

**James Levandowski**

**Racine County Circuit Court Case No: 2013-CI-01**

Committee continues to search for an appropriate residential option. The Committee on November 4, 2022, sent a report to the Court describing the efforts that the Committee has made in its attempts to locate a residential option for Mr. Levandowski.

**NOTE** - The following legal updates are informational only and no action is needed by the Committee at this time:

**Jamerrel V. Everett**

**Waukesha County Circuit Court Case No:2004CI01**

A petition to revoke order for supervised release was filed on December 7, 2022. A motion hearing is scheduled for March 9, 2023.

**James Hinkle**

**Racine County Circuit Court Case No: 2012CI01**

On December 21, 2022, a motion was made by Mr. Hinkle to return to the community, but that motion was withdrawn at the court hearing held on January 30, 2023. Mr. Hinkle will therefore remain at Sandridge Secure Treatment Facility (“Sandridge”) at this time. Another review hearing was set for March 16, 2023 in Mr. Hinkle’s case to address which rules Mr. Hinkle is required to follow while at Sandridge.

**Danial R. Williams**

**Racine County Circuit Court Case No: 1995CF1197**

Mr. Williams has returned to Sandridge pursuant to an Alternative to Revocation (“ATR”) agreed upon by the parties in Mr. Williams’ commitment case on January 30, 2023; however, the Court has ordered that his residence in Racine County should be maintained. The residence at which Mr. Williams’ is placed does not meet the statutory requirements for a serious child sex offender, so this residence cannot be identified by the Committee for any outstanding Chapter 980 offenders requiring placement at this time. Mr. Williams still has a pending motion to dismiss, but the Court has reserved any ruling on that motion for the time being. A review hearing is scheduled before the Court on July 7, 2023.

**5. Residential option updates (Racine County Human Services Department (HSD))**

9:16 a.m.

Ms. Christman provided the following updates regarding the total number of properties that were sent to HSD for evaluation since the last committee meeting and as of February 24, 2023:

- MLS Listings
  - 1/23/2023: 25 single family, 4 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 7 condos (total: 36)
  - 1/24/2023: 22 single family, 2 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 5 condos (total: 29)
  - 1/25/2023: 25 single family, 3 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 4 condos (total: 32)
  - 1/26/2023: 31 single family, 6 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 5 condos (total: 42)

- 1/27/2023: 26 single family, 7 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 8 condos (total: 41)
- 1/30/2023: 24 single family, 3 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 4 condos (total: 31)
- 1/31/2023: 21 single family, 0 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 3 condos (total: 25)
- 2/1/2023: 21 single family, 0 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 2 condos (total: 24)
- 2/2/2023: 24 single family, 0 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 2 condos (total: 27)
- 2/3/2023: 28 single family, 1 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 1 condo (total: 30)
- 2/6/2023: no list sent
- 2/7/2023: 24 single family, 1 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 4 condos (total: 29)
- 2/8/2023: 23 single family, 0 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 4 condos (total: 27)
- 2/9/2023: 23 single family, 0 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 4 condos (total: 27)
- 2/10/2023: 30 single family, 2 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 4 condos (total: 36)
- 2/13/2023: 26 single family, 4 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 2 condos (total: 32)
- 2/14/2023: 23 single family, 3 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 3 condos (total: 29)
- 2/15/2023: 22 single family, 2 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 1 condo (total: 25)
- 2/16/2023: 19 single family, 1 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 6 condos (total: 26)
- 2/17/2023: no list sent
- 2/20/2023: 28 single family, 0 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 3 condos (total: 32)
- 2/21/2023: 31 single family, 2 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 2 condos (total: 36)
- 2/22/2023: 26 single family, 1 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 2 condos (total: 30)
- 2/23/2023: 26 single family, 1 two-family, 2 multi-family, and 3 condos (total: 32)
- 2/24/2023: 26 single family, 2 two-family, 2 multi-family, and 2 condos (total: 32)

- **Grand total: 710**

- **574 single family**
- **45 two-family**
- **10 multi-family**
- **81 condos**

Ms. Jones did not have an update regarding the current data related to HSD's evaluations. Ms. Jones confirmed that HSD is continuing perform evaluations of the properties sent to HSD by Ms. Christman; however, such evaluations have yet to lead to any new identified vendors and/or appropriate residences for the Committee's consideration.

6. **Discuss-consider process for making recommendation to DHS and Court for Chapter 980 sex offender placement**

9:18 a.m.

Principal Assistant Corporation Counsel John P. Serketich reported that he participated in the state-wide zoom meeting of corporation counsels regarding Chapter 980 issues in January but could not participate in the meeting in February. There is still the pending Wisconsin Court of Appeals case involving Kenosha County being ordered to buy or build a placement with the State being responsible for the construction funding. It is expected that a possible decision could come from the Appeals Court this spring or summer. The Eastern District Court case concerning a couple from

Kenosha and one from Racine, who has since been released, is also still pending. Corporation Counsel will continue to monitor these cases.

7. **Closed Session pursuant to section 19.85(1)(d), (e), and (f) of the Wisconsin State Statutes to discuss confidential offender information under Wis. Stats § 980.06.**

There were no discussions that required a closed session; therefore, the meeting remained open for its entirety.

8. **Adjournment**

9:21 a.m.

Next meeting scheduled for: **Monday, March 27 at 9:00 a.m.**

**Motion:** Kim Christman moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 a.m. Seconded by Julie Anderson. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:22 a.m.

Recorded February 27, 2023

Bethany Heitman (nee Tangerstrom) - Office of the Corporation Counsel